



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. OKAMOTO, et al.
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Title: PHOTOSENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION
Group: 1752
Examiner: John S. Y. Chu
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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

The Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. In the "Office Action Summary" for this Office Action, it is indicated that the action is "Final". However, on page 4 of the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, the Examiner has indicated that since claims 2, 12, 19 and 20 have been included in the current rejection, accordingly, the rejection is not made Final. In view of this inconsistency between the "Office Action Summary" and page 4 of the Office Action, with respect to finality of the Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify the Office Action, and indicate clearly in the Office Action Summary that the Action is non-final.

In addition, in Item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, the Examiner indicates that claim 25 is rejected; in contrast, in Item 4 on pages 4 and 5 of this Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, the Examiner indicates that claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Office Action Summary does not refer to claim 25.

Moreover, in the Office Action Summary, the Examiner does not even indicate that claims 24 and 25 are pending in the application; and the Examiner does not indicate that status of claims 24 and 25.

In view of the foregoing, and in response to this Request, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate that claims 24 and 25 are also pending in the above-identified application; and also indicate that claim 25 is "objected to".

In view of all the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner clarify the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, and indicate the following:

That this Office Action is non-final;

That claims 24 and 25 are pending in the application; and

That claim 25 is objected to (and also, if appropriate, indicate that claim 24 is rejected).

Moreover, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner re-set the period for response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, to begin with the date of mailing of the clarification in view of the foregoing.

Favorable action by the Examiner responsive to the foregoing requests is respectfully solicited.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 511.33114CC6), and any excess fees be credited to such Deposit Account.

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